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Lawmakers criticize 'misguided' Rick Perry proposal to boost coal, nuclear plants

By Josh Siegel, Washington Examiner • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:49:37

Lawmakers had their first chance Tuesday to probe energy industry representatives about the potential impact of the Trump administration's controversial proposal to help coal and nuclear power plants. Most lawmakers asking questions at a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing seemed skeptical of Energy Secretary Rick Perry's plan, expressing concern that it would undermine an "all of the above" energy landscape by favoring certain power sources over others. [[read more ...](#)]

U.S. Tax Reform Would Leave Renewable Energy Out in the Cold

By Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:50:30

The prospects for a broad tax reform with lower corporate rates has excited business leaders and boosted the stock market — except for renewable energy. Tax reform "will make renewables more expensive," Keith Martin, a partner at law firm Norton Rose Fulbright, said in an interview Tuesday at Infocast's Solar Connect conference in San Diego. [[read more ...](#)]

Trump's cash-for-coal plan rewards political base

Benjamin Storrow, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:50:59

The Trump administration has placed former President Obama's proposed carbon regulations on ice, lifted a moratorium on new federal coal leases and scrapped a rule seeking to prevent runoff from coal mines, all in the name of restoring the former king of America's power sector to its throne. But none of those moves comes as close to fulfilling the president's campaign promise to revive the coal industry as the Department of Energy's proposal to provide financial assurances to struggling coal and nuclear plants. [[read more ...](#)]

Pruitt expected to propose Clean Power Plant repeal next week — official

Robin Bravender, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:51:51

The details of the Trump administration's long-awaited plans to kill President Obama's signature climate rule are expected next week, an administration official told E&E News. U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is preparing to publicly reveal his strategy for dismantling the Clean Power Plan, a rule to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. The announcement will consist of a proposal to repeal the rule and a broad request for comment about what ought to replace it, the official said. [[read more ...](#)]

Pruitt is poised to kill the climate rule. What's next?

Zack Colman, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:52:07

When Scott Pruitt moves to repeal the regulation governing power plant emissions that he's spent years trying to defeat, his advocates and detractors alike know it may well be the finishing touch on his first act as U.S. EPA administrator. What comes next is where the drama begins. The forthcoming regulation could be a warmup for the finale — an airing of climate science that either by design or inadvertently shakes public confidence in what scientists understand about how we're heating the planet. [[read more ...](#)]

Governor Carney Announces Appointments to Delaware Offshore Wind Working Group

By The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:53:52

"Finding ways to participate in the development of alternate energy sources is the right decision for our environment and our economy, and has the potential to create good-paying jobs," said Governor Carney. "The members of this working group will help us explore potential economic and environmental benefits of offshore wind development for Delaware, and determine costs and benefits for electric ratepayers across our state. Thank you to Bruce Burcat for agreeing to chair this group, and to all of those who have agreed to serve." [[read more ...](#)]

U.S. Trade Dispute Scaring Companies From Buying Solar Power

By Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:52:37

A trade dispute over solar imports has stalled clean-energy projects across the U.S. With the looming prospect of tariffs driving up the price of panels, utilities and businesses are holding off on signing deals to buy solar power. It may be months before they get more clarity. In the meantime, "projects are on hold," Yumin Liu, president of Canadian Solar Inc.'s Recurrent Energy development unit, said in an interview at Infocast's Solar Connect conference in San Diego. Recurrent has multiple projects that were initially scheduled to begin commercial operations next year. Now it's not clear if that will happen on time. [[read more ...](#)]

Solar Energy Is Fastest Growing Source of Power

By The Associated Press • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:52:57

A report shows that solar energy was the fastest-growing source of power last year, accounting for almost two-thirds of net new capacity globally. The International Energy Agency said Wednesday that the rise was due to a boom in photovoltaic panel installations, particularly in China, thanks to a drop in costs and greater support from governments. [[read more ...](#)]

How solar energy saved a Puerto Rican farm from Hurricane Maria

By Hugh Bronstein and Gabriel Stargardte. Reuters • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:53:14

While his competitors wait for diesel to restart generators knocked out by Hurricane Maria, flower grower Hector Santiago is already back in business because of solar panels powering his 40-acre (16.2-hectare) nursery in central Puerto Rico. The U.S. territory is in a near blackout, its electricity grid shredded by the storm that slammed into the island on Sept 20. But Santiago's decorative plant and poinsettia nursery, set amid the jagged peaks of the Barranquitas farming area, has kept working thanks to the \$300,000 he invested in 244 solar panels six years ago.

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Former FERC commissioner joins Bipartisan Policy Center

Sam Mintz, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-05 06:54:14

Along with her new gig at a Washington, D.C., law firm, former Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Colette Honorable is joining the Bipartisan Policy Center as a senior fellow. [[read more ...](#)]

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